

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the application.
Claims 34-35 stand allowed.
Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected.
Claims 2 and 4-33 are objected to.
Claim 1 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).
Claim 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).
Claim 1 is cancelled in favor of amended claim 2. Claim 36 is cancelled, as suggested by the Examiner, without prejudice for presentation in a divisional application.
Claims 2 and 3 are amended. No new matter is added.
Claims 2-35 remain in the case for consideration.
Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mosley (U.S. Patent No. 6,770,969 B2).

Claim 1 is cancelled. Therefore, the rejection is now moot.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mosley '969 as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Stone (U.S. Patent No. 5,530,288).
Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 2 is amended and is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of cancelled claim 1 and is thus placed in allowable form. Claim 3 is amended to depend from allowable claim 2. Therefore, claim 3 is now in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 4-33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

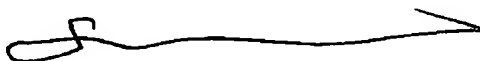
Claim 2 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of cancelled claim 1. Claims 4-33 all depend from claim 2.

Claims 34-35 remain allowed.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-35 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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